



# Opportunities of light ion collisions at the LHC

**Towards smaller and smaller QGPs**

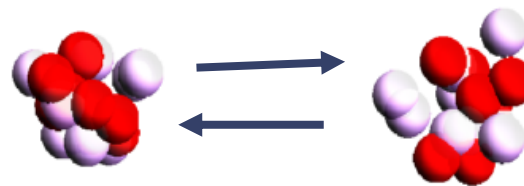
Based on workshop OppOrtunities at the LHC, with Jasmine Brewer and Aleksas Mazeliauskas (2103.01939)

Parton energy loss based on (2007.13754 (PRL) and 2007.13758 (PRC))  
with Alexander Huss, Aleksi Kurkela, Aleksas Mazeliauskas, Risto Paatelainen and Urs Wiedemann

$pp$  reference estimates, with Jasmine Brewer, Alexander Huss and Aleksas Mazeliauskas (2108.13434)

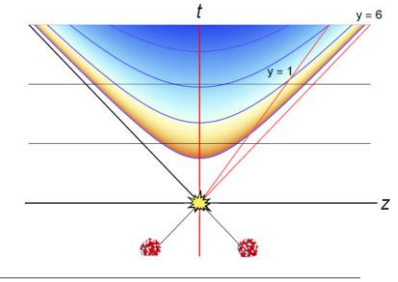


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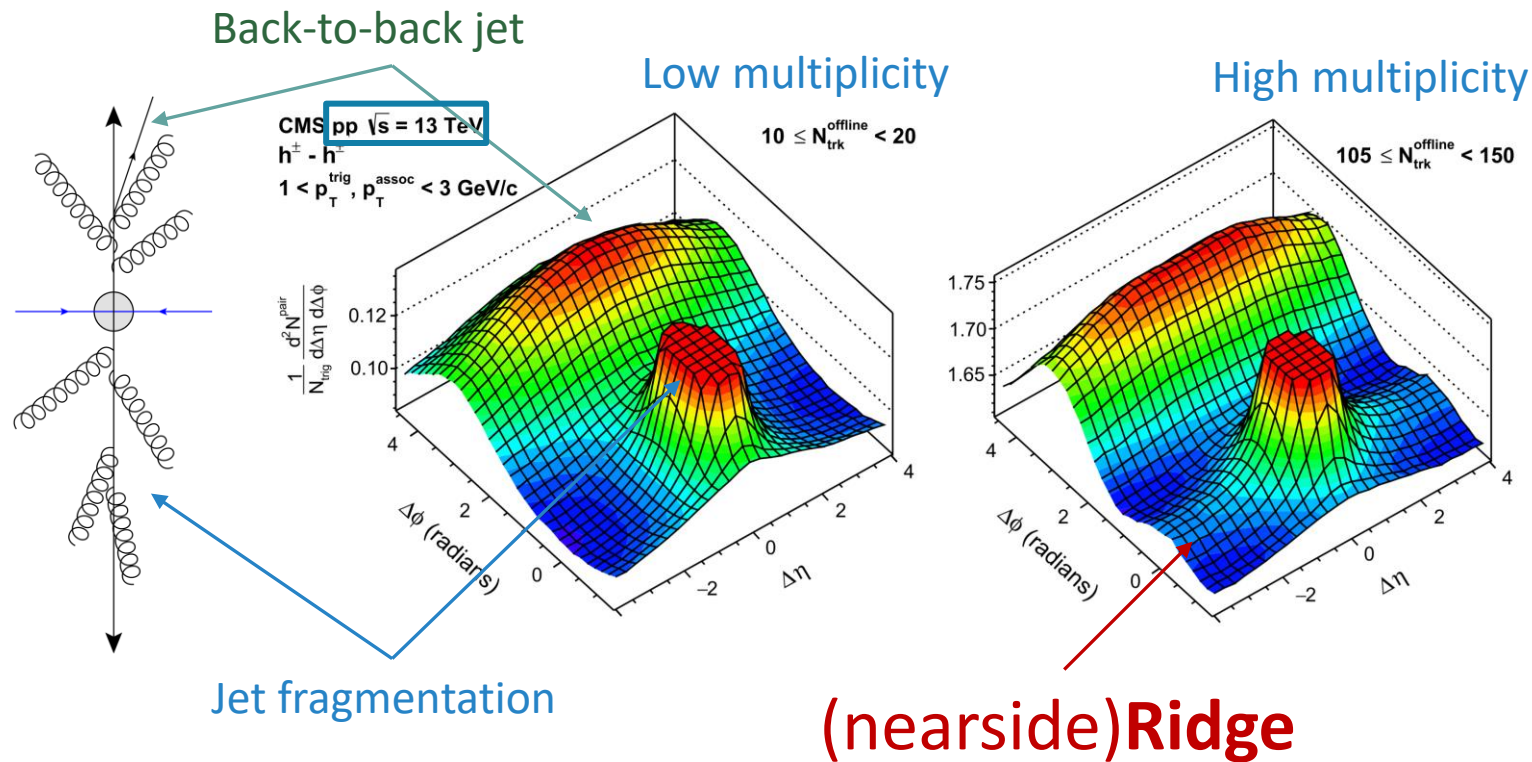


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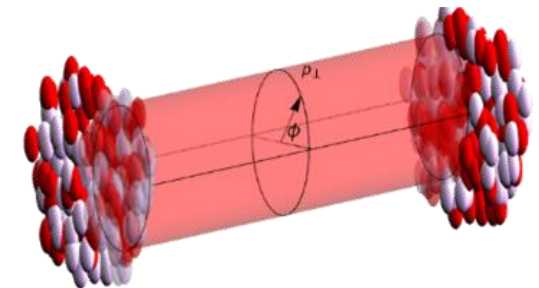
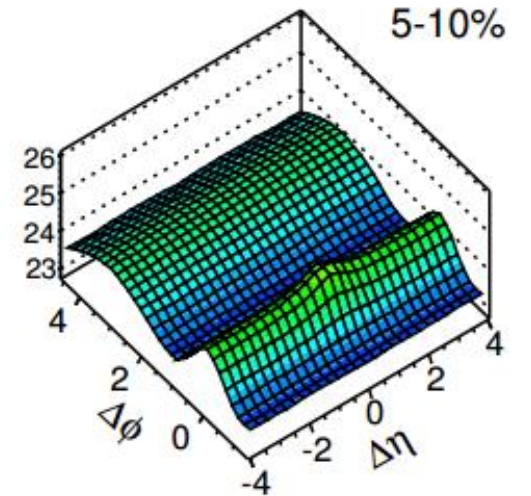
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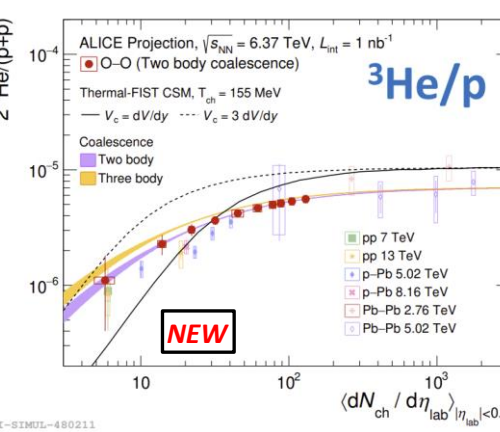
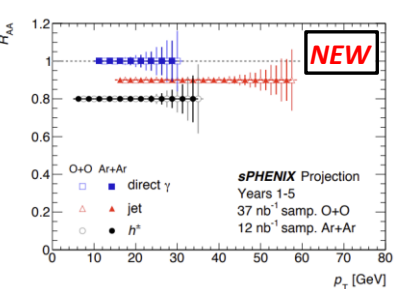
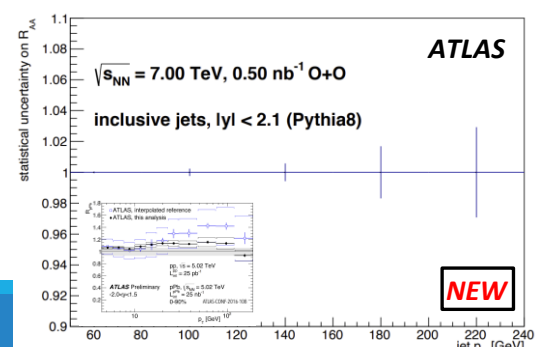
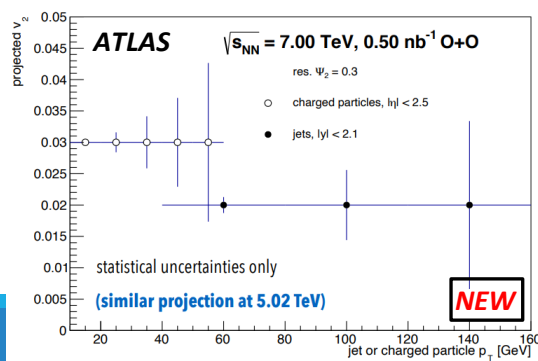
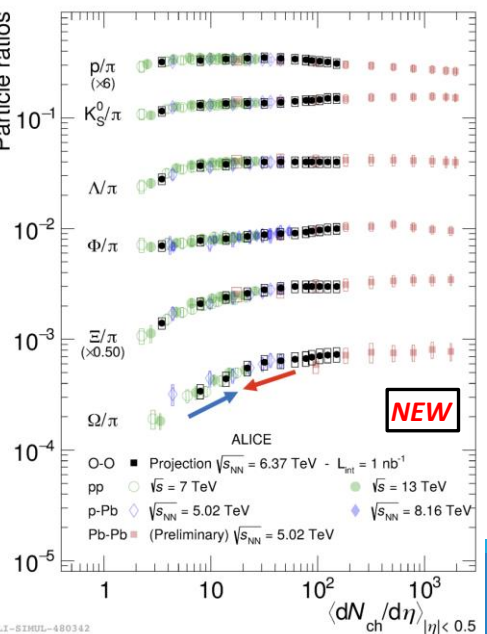
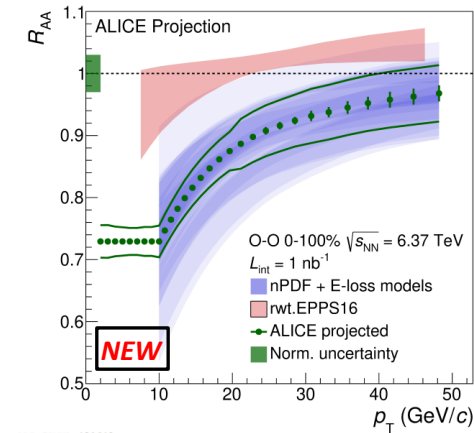
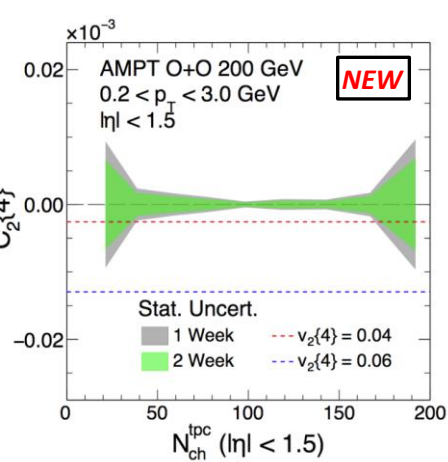
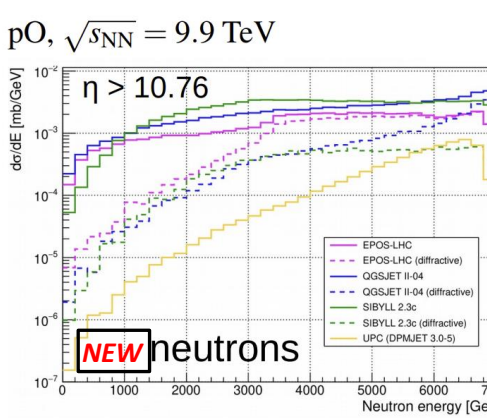
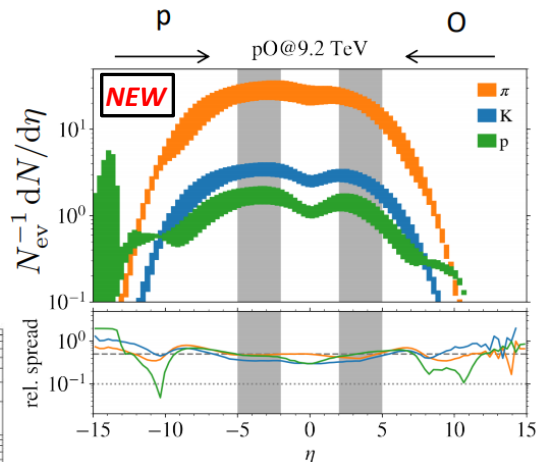
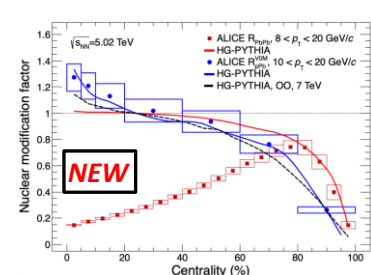
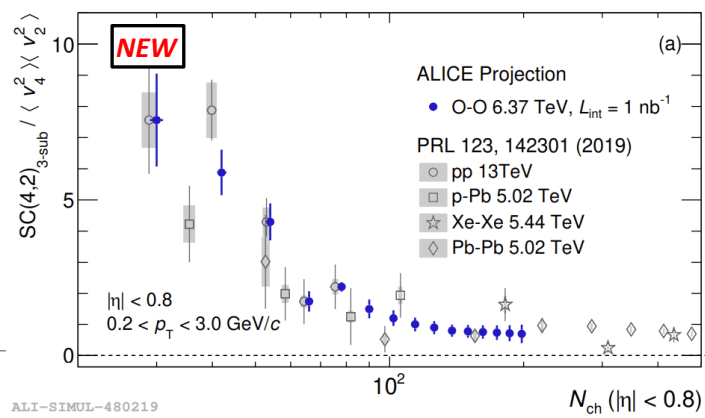
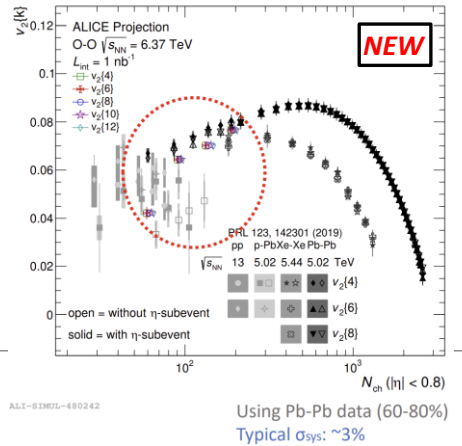
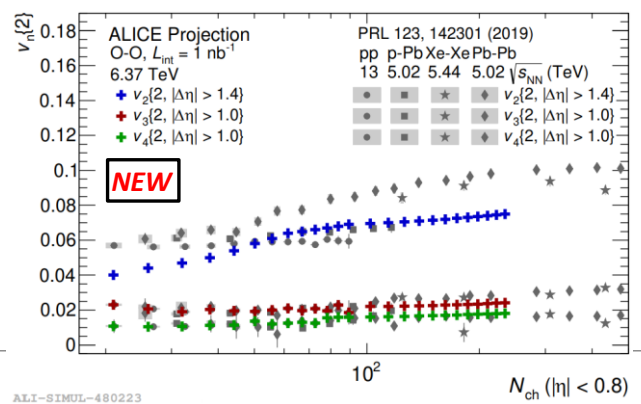
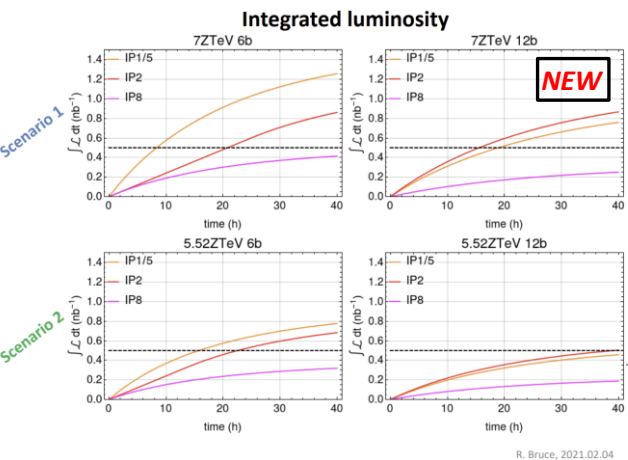


## 1. Ridge at $\Delta\phi=0$ and **large** $\Delta\eta$ : *an initial or geometric effect*

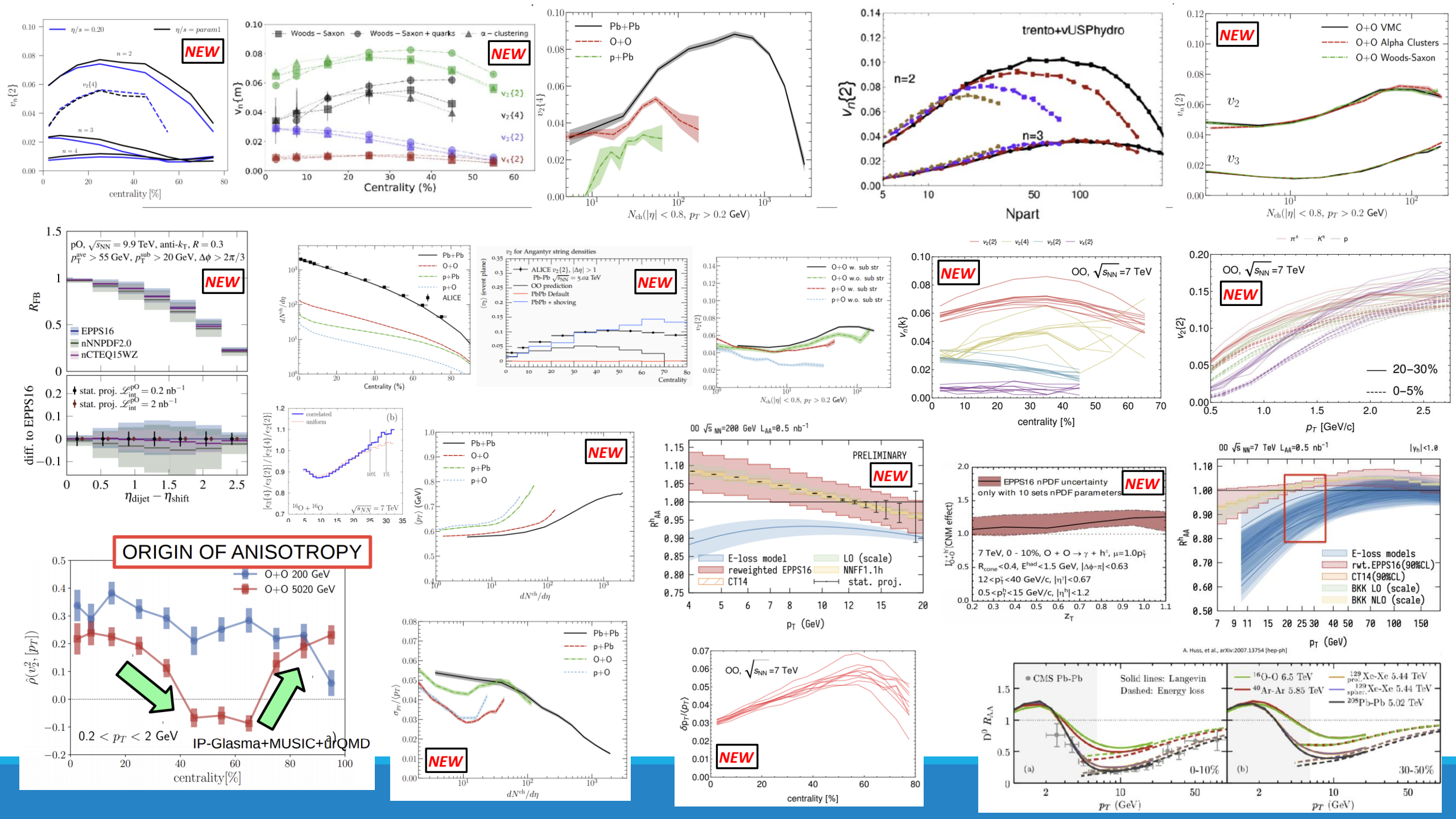


PbPb  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 2.76$  TeV










# OppOrtunities at the LHC

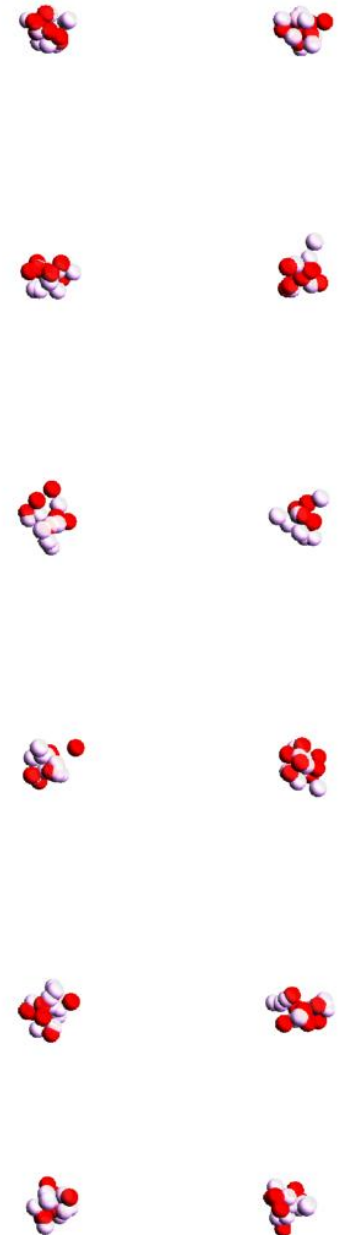
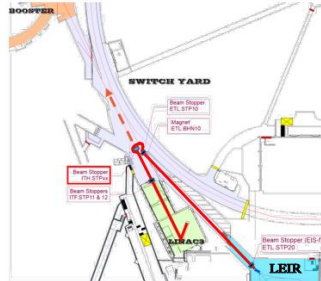
1. Workshop was a success
  - On average 186 unique participants per day over 5 days
  - Many new computations and projections
2. One crucial discussion point: the colliding energy
  - Maximum magnetic field: around 7 TeV
  - But perhaps no  $pp$  reference available? It is however difficult to lower the energy

*June CERN council:*  
*Potential OO pilot run → Special run*  
Full LHC exploitation

 Full LHC exploitation : Oxygen run and SND

**Special O-O and p-O run**

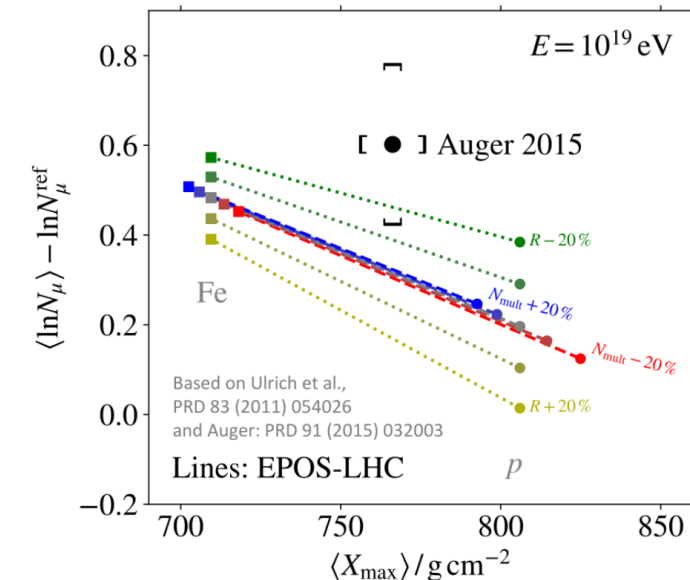
- ❑ Physics motivations: study of emergence of collective effects in small systems; measurements relevant for cosmic rays (extensive air shower modelling), etc.
- ❑ Experiments requested  $\sim \text{nb}^{-1}$  for each of OO and pO.  $\sim 1$  week (including commissioning), most likely in 2024
- ❑ No impediment from accelerators but radiological impact of high-intensity oxygen beam requires mitigation measures and additional beams stoppers to be able to access Booster when LEIR operates.
- ❑ Needed resources allocated in this MTP



# A brief cosmic-ray perspective

## Muon puzzle in cosmic air showers

- Cascade of energetic collisions, producing muons and photons
- Difficult to *simultaneously* predict
  - Number of muons
  - Depth of air shower (in air density units)
- Relies crucially on ratio  $\pi_0$ : 
$$R = \frac{E_{\pi^0}}{E_{\text{other hadrons}}}$$



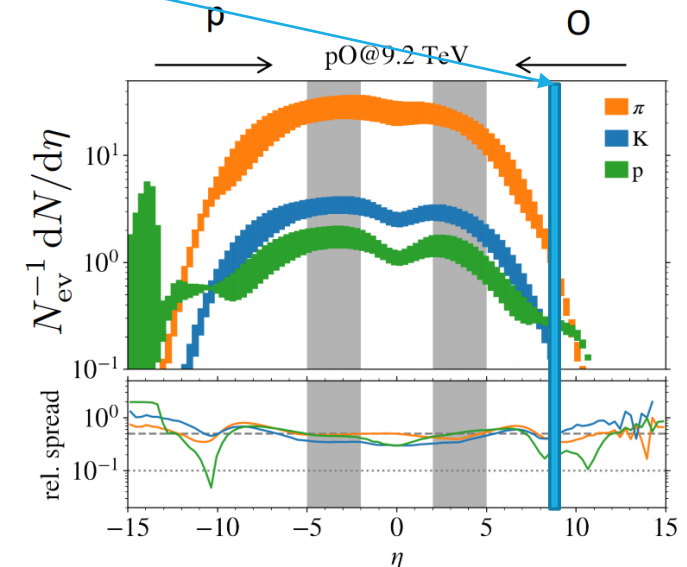
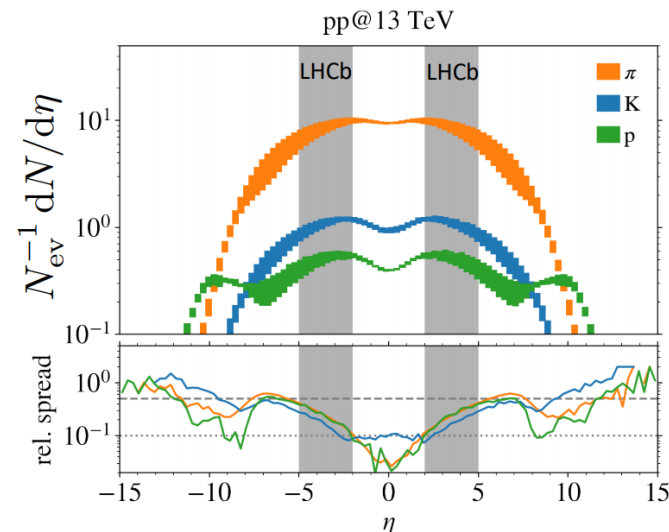
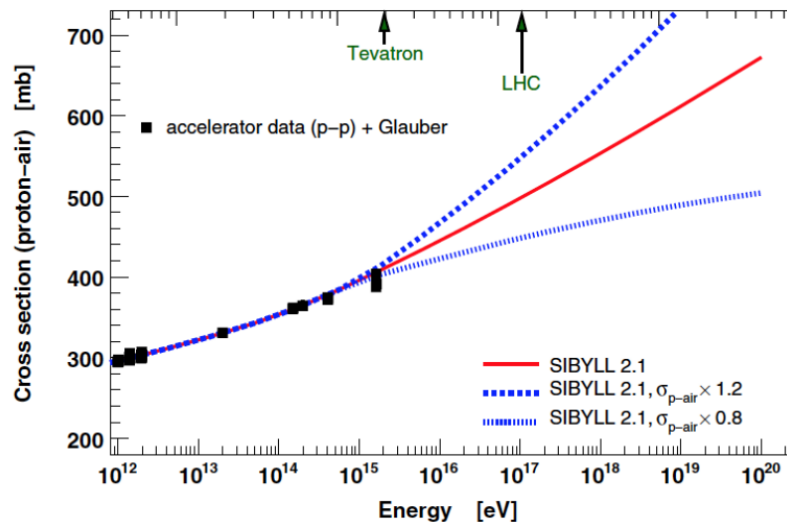
# A brief cosmic-ray perspective

## LHC contribution

- Proton-oxygen cross section: large uncertainty
- Spectrum at very forward rapidities
- Help with  $\pi_0$  ratio? Strangeness? QGP?



LHCf: this is where most of the energy is deposited (ends after run 3)





# Strangeness: from pQCD to thermal

## 1. Ratio of strange baryons versus pions

- Pythia fits low multiplicity
- But constant towards higher multiplicity (!)

### Thermodynamical string fragmentation



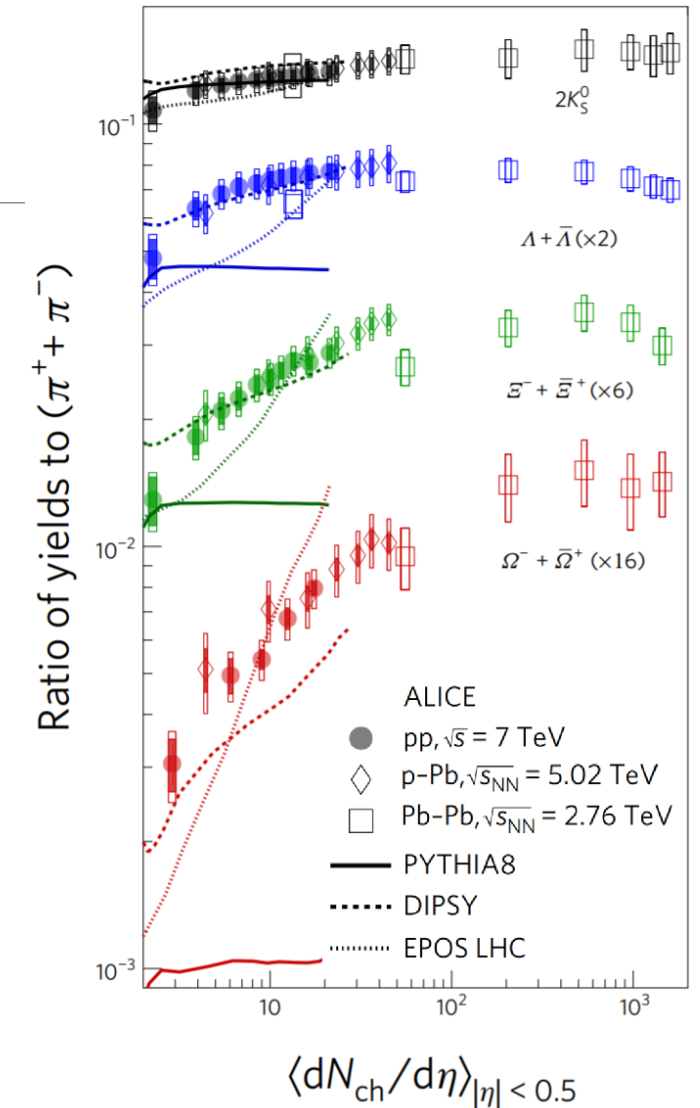
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ABSTRACT: The observation of heavy-ion-like behaviour in pp collisions at the LHC suggests that more physics mechanisms are at play than traditionally assumed.

## 2. Saturates for high multiplicity pPb / PbPb

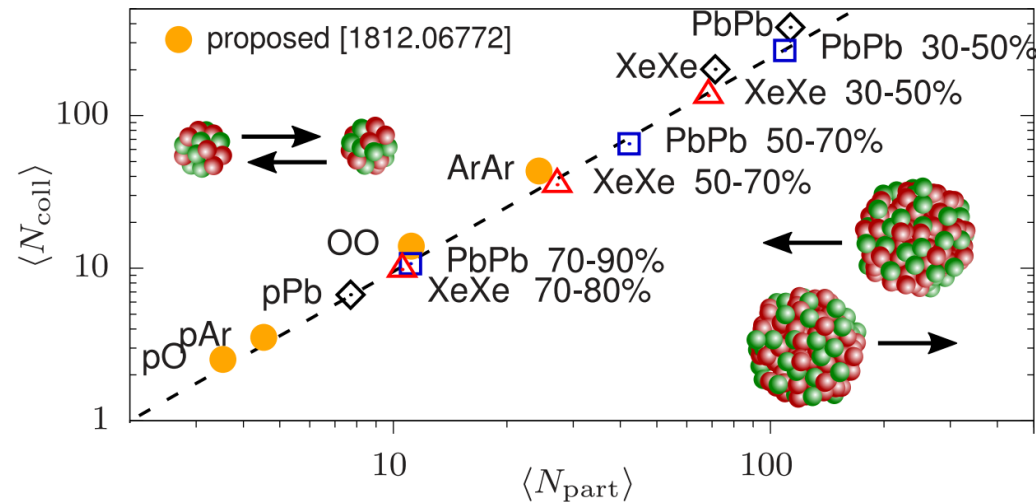
- Interpretation: thermal strangeness production



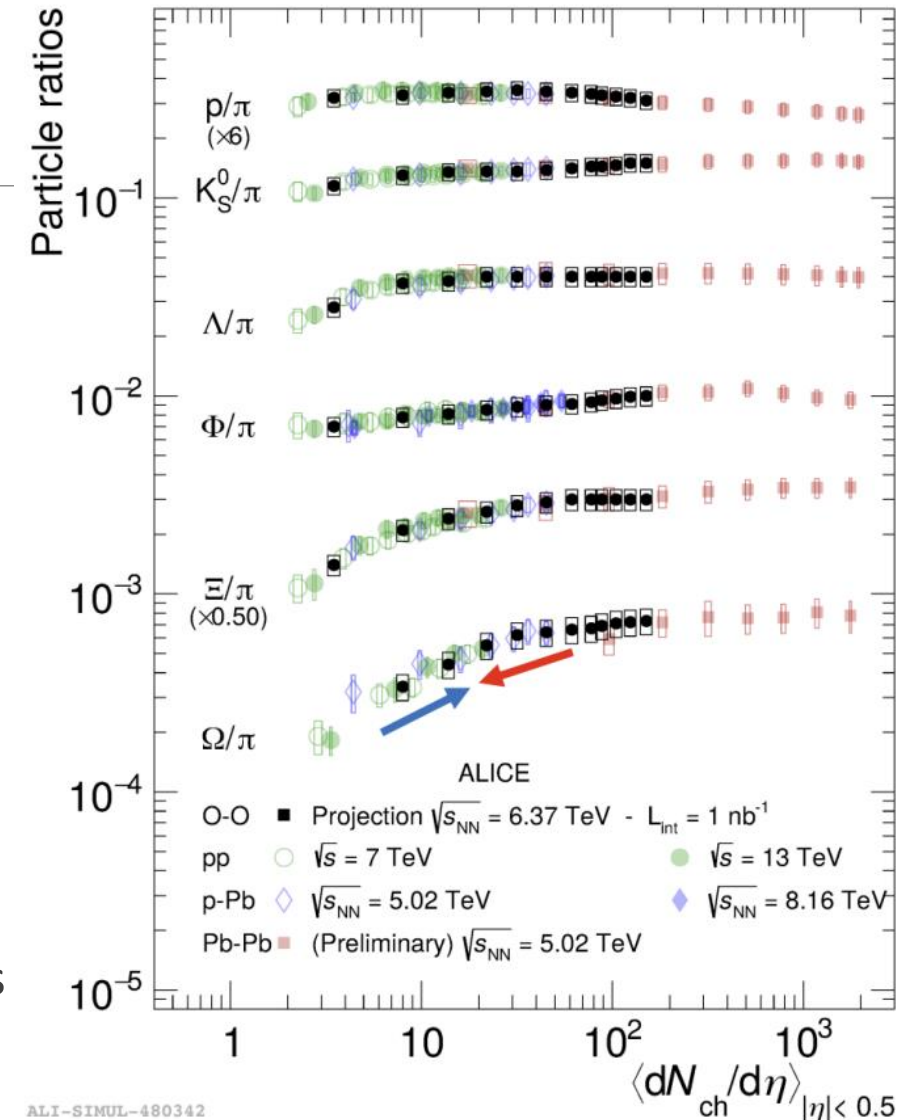


# Strangeness: OO fills the gap

1. Oxygen collisions would provide unique opportunity to smoothly connect pPb and PbPb

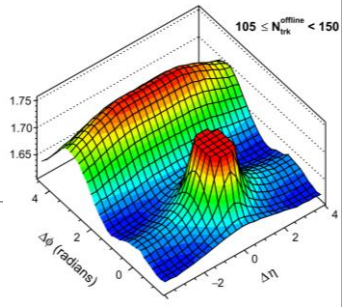


2. Caveat: large statistics pPb and PbPb could extend curves
  - But at the price of selecting 'atypical' events

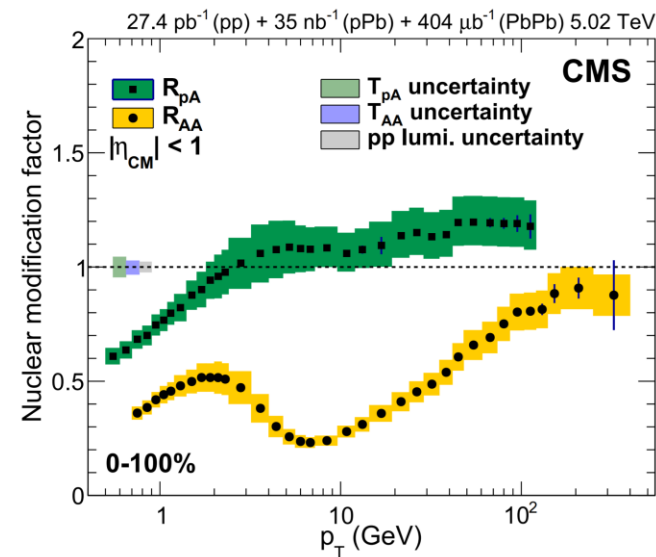


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# A puzzle: flow in $p\text{Pb}$ or $pp$ collisions?



1. There seems to be flow
  - Quite some modeling, but everything consistent with hydro (does not prove hydro!)
2. But: nuclear modification  $> 1$ : **no (naive) jet/hadron energy loss**

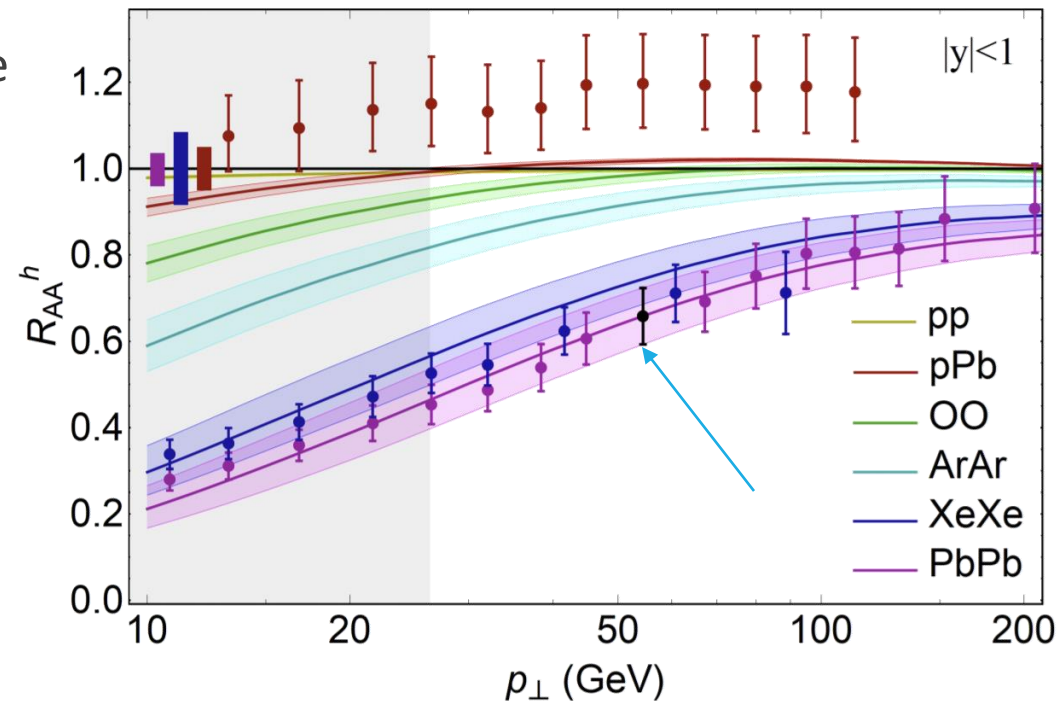


# A simple energy loss model with one free parameter

1. Take minimum bias point at 54 GeV PbPb at 2.76 TeV, and fix  $d (= \hat{q}/T^3)$

Note: error only from  $d$

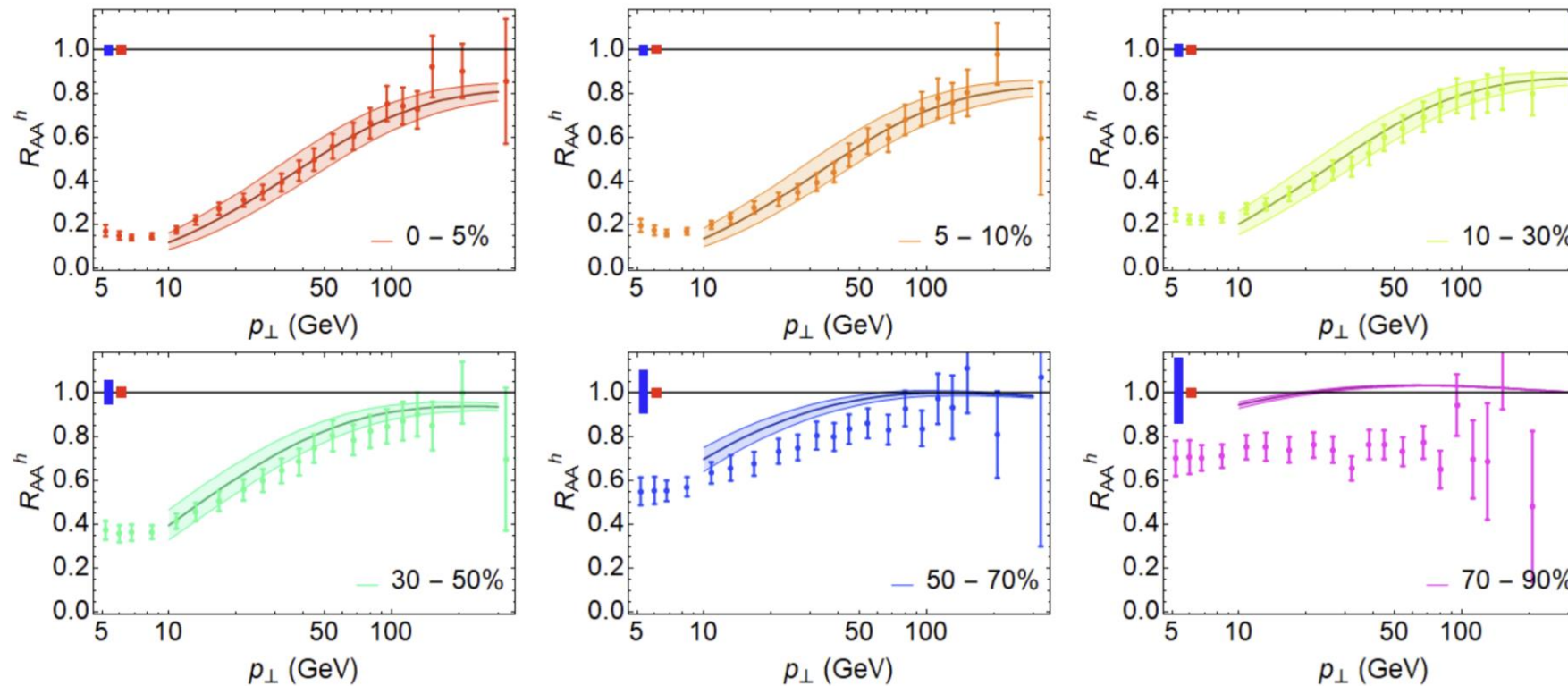
2. Model captures  $p_T$  dependence
3.  $p$ Pb perhaps consistent with  $T_{AA}$  error (boxes)
4. Also checked model for pp; almost no modification
5. Energy loss: BDMPS-Z





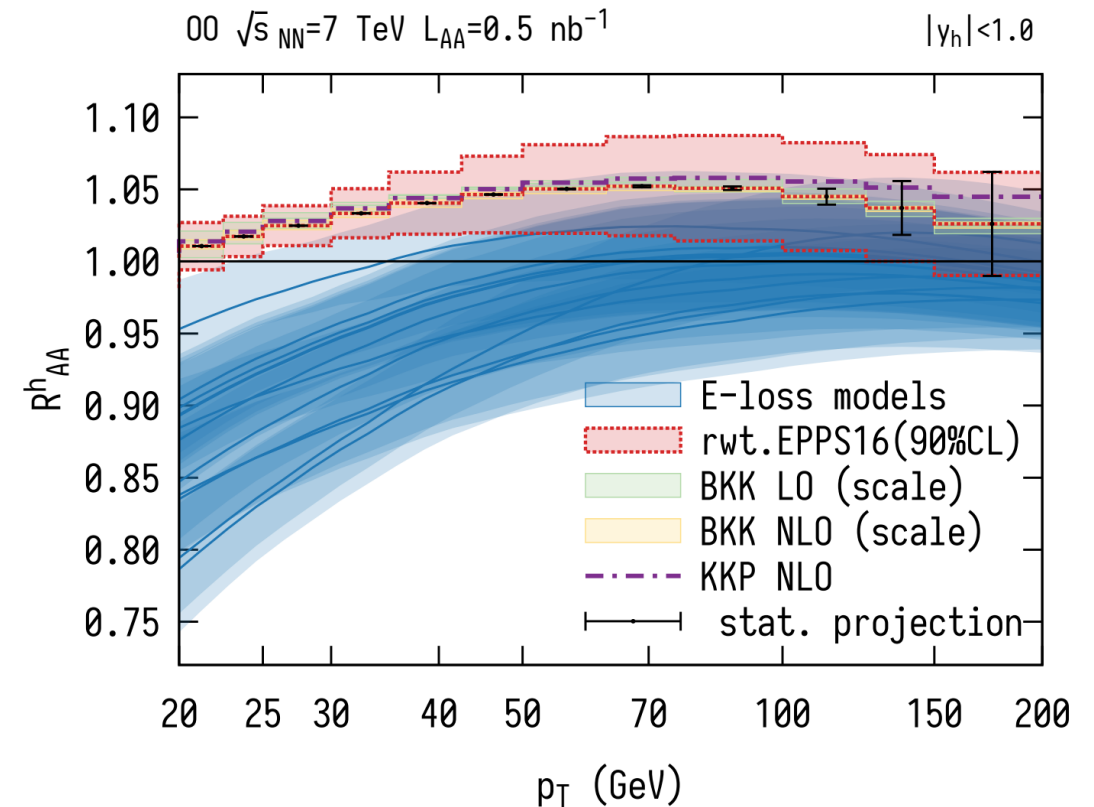
# Centrality dependence

1. Captures centrality dependence, except most peripheral bin (though note  $\text{box} = T_{AA}$  uncertainty)



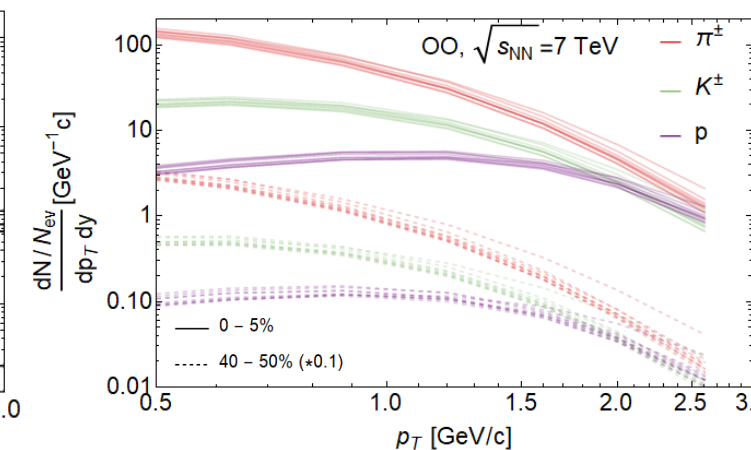
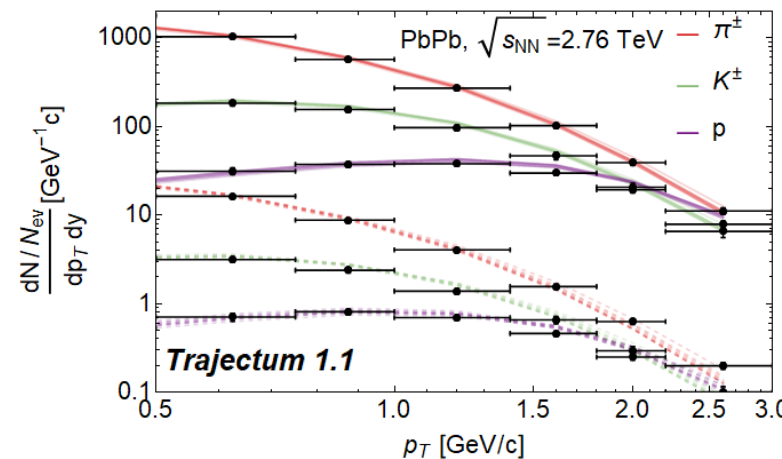
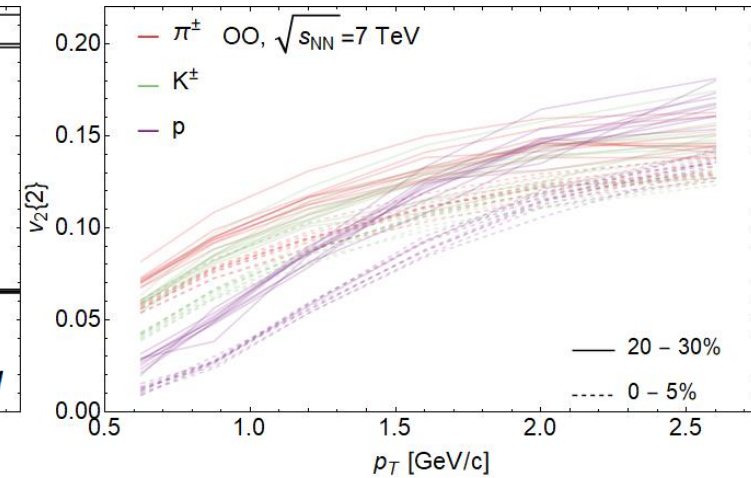
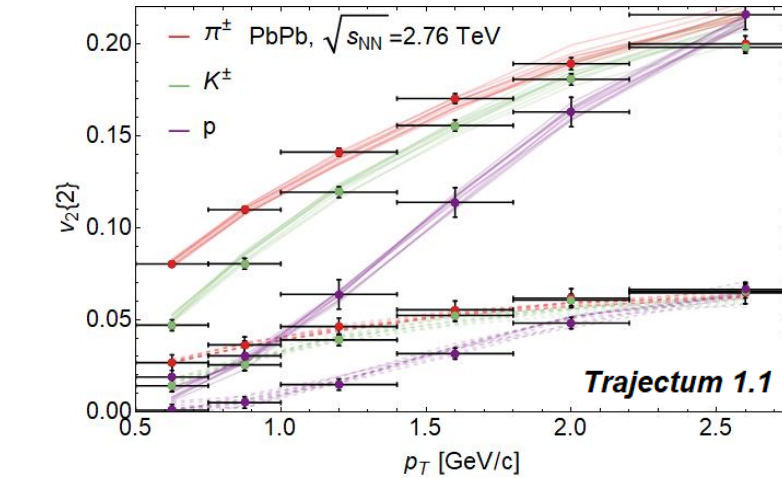
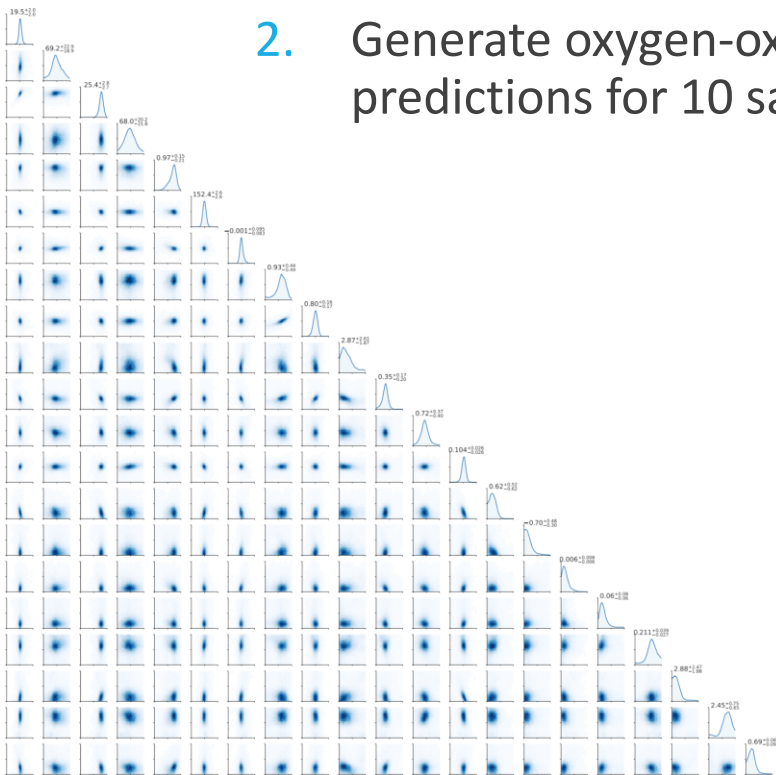
# Extrapolate to OO collisions

1. Final band of all model predictions to OO:
  - *As agnostic as possible*
  - *Baseline without QGP: including reweighting of nPDF set*



# Can oxygen collisions constrain QGP properties?

1. Perform a Bayesian estimate of likelihoods PbPb parameters
2. Generate oxygen-oxygen predictions for 10 samples:

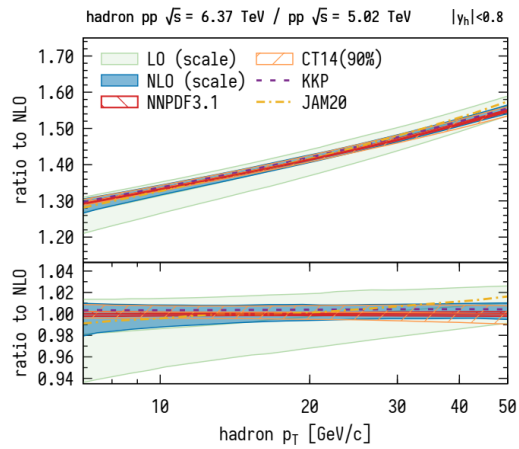




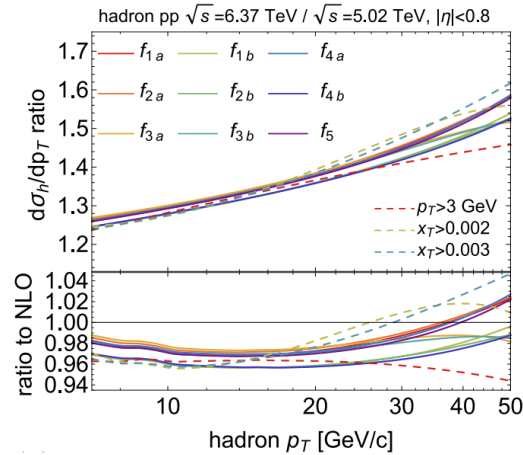
# A $pp$ reference or no $pp$ reference?

Needed: ratio of spectra at 6.37/5 TeV; do uncertainties cancel?

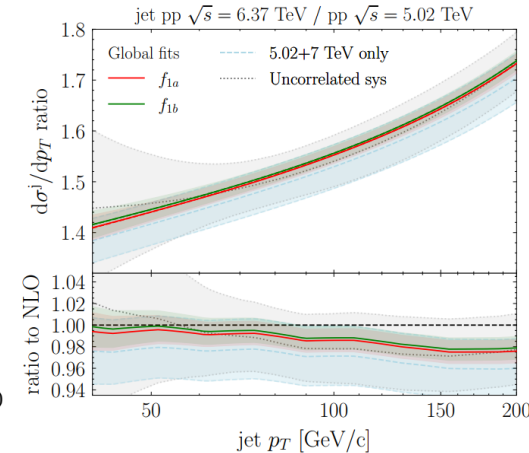
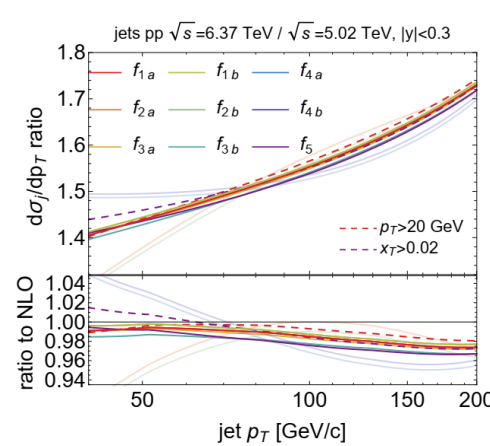
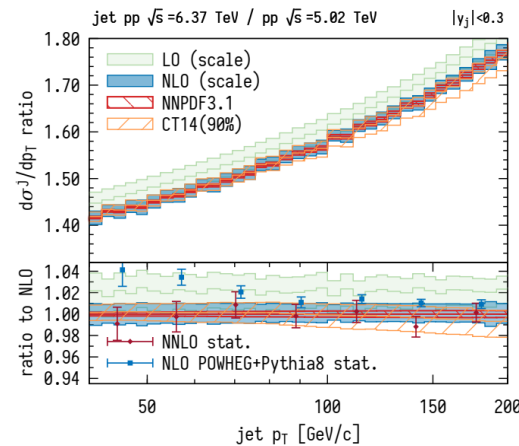
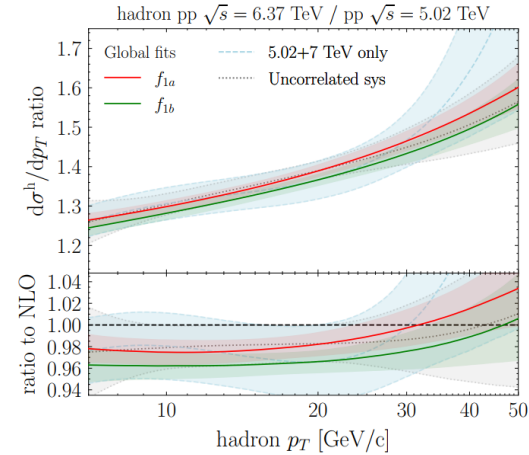
## NNLO pQCD



## Diverse $\chi^2$ (data)



## MCMC (data)



Hard to say, without reference a precision estimate is possible (within  $\sim 3\%$ ), but precision in small systems is paramount

# The LHC as a light ion collider



## 1. Oxygen can provide key to current heavy ion puzzles

- Is there flow in small systems such as p-Pb collisions?
- Precision analysis possible on partonic energy loss
  - Theory accurate to few percent in minimum bias collisions
  - Expected effect is larger than precision due to NLO QCD computations including accurate nPDFs
- Can further constrain QGP properties

## 2. Proton-oxygen essential for high energy cosmic rays

- Can also be very helpful to put extra constraints on nPDFs

## 3. Did I skip anything?

- Structure of oxygen: is oxygen made out of four alpha particles? Seems hard to see significant consequences
- Impressive projections by ALICE, including anisotropic flow coefficients up to 12-particle cumulants
- Correlations between mean transverse momentum and anisotropic flow can be interesting
- Oxygen especially interesting to constrain nPDFs: no data on oxygen so far available even at lower energy

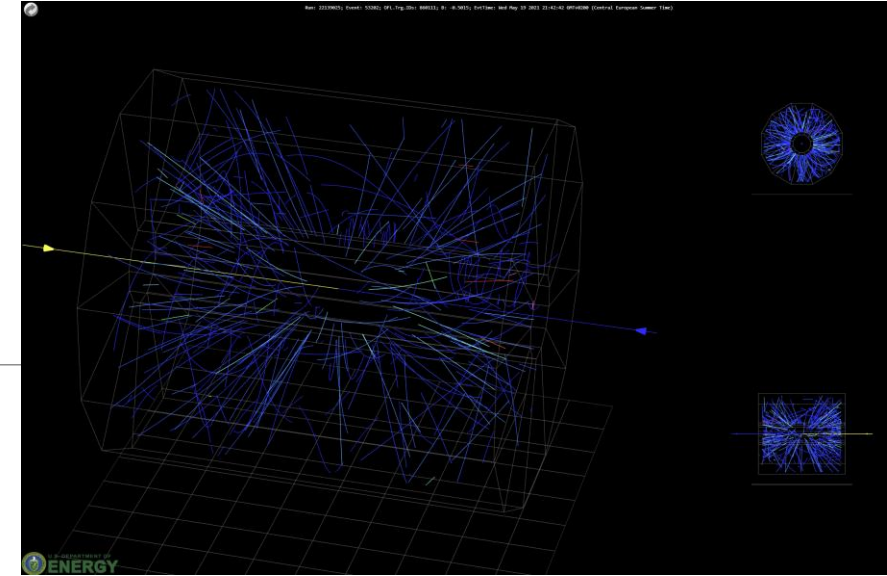
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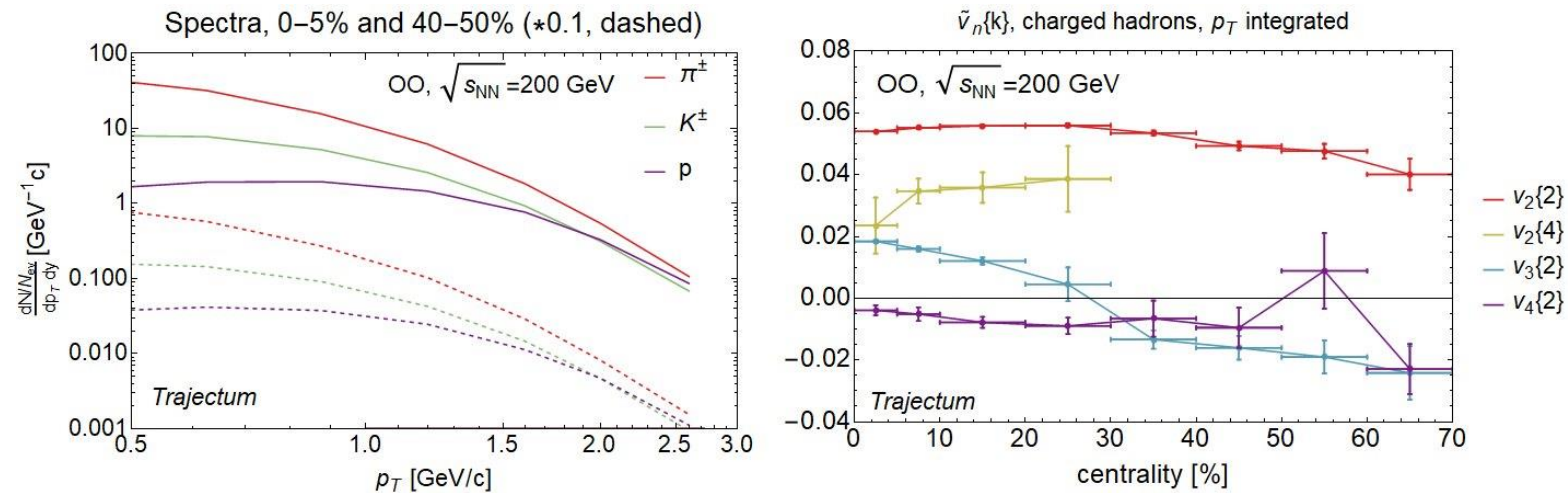


# Oxygen @ RHIC

## Complementary collisions @ 200 GeV

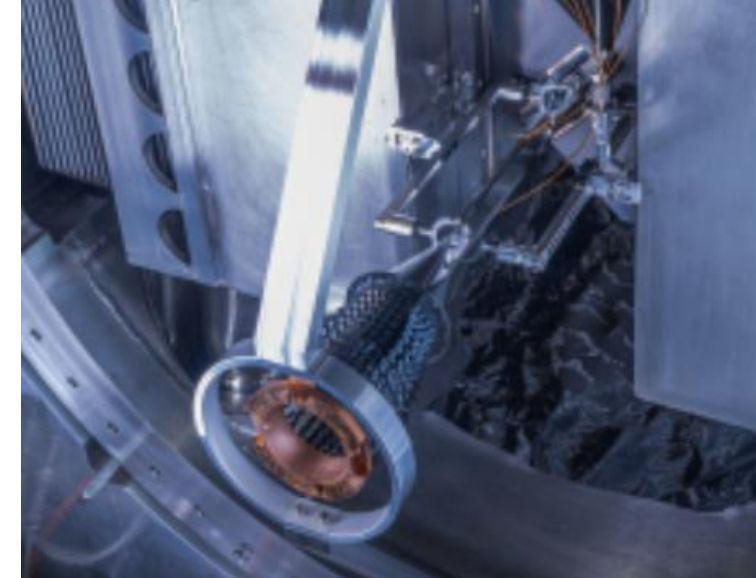
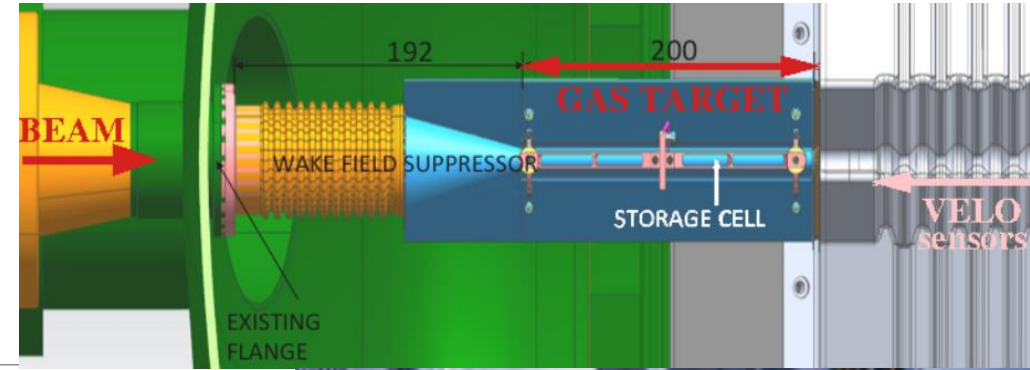


1. (Much) lower multiplicity: more comparable to  $p$ Pb?
2. Curious signs of anisotropic flow coefficients (typically positive)
3. Exciting time to make predictions:

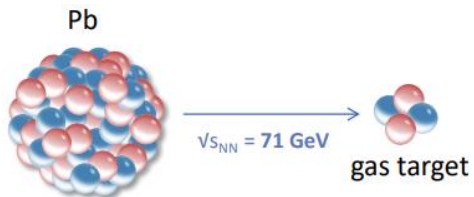


# Light ions and SMOG2 LHCb at fixed target

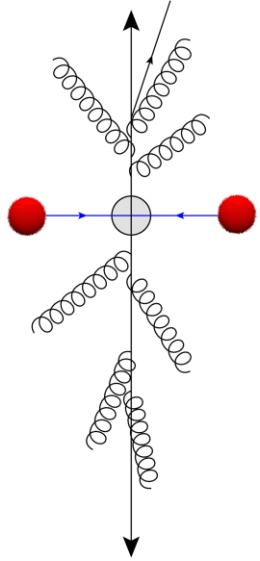
1. Interesting idea: 'contaminate' beam with gas (only at LHCb)
2. Fixed target (gas is at rest); options: H, He, N, O, Ar, Ne, Kr, Xe, ...
3. Lower energy ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} \simeq 110 \text{ GeV}$ ): complementary to colliding set-up
4. Possible with  $p$ , Pb and O in the beam (full year)
5. Data taking simultaneous: sizeable integrated lumi:  $100 \text{ pb}^{-1}$



*Global analysis perspective: need for a wide variety of colliding systems and energies*



# (high energy) ¿HEP versus HIP? (heavy ion)



Low multiplicity

Jet-like particle shower

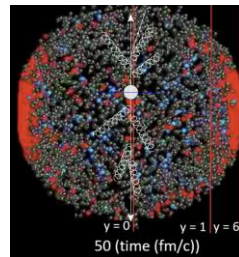
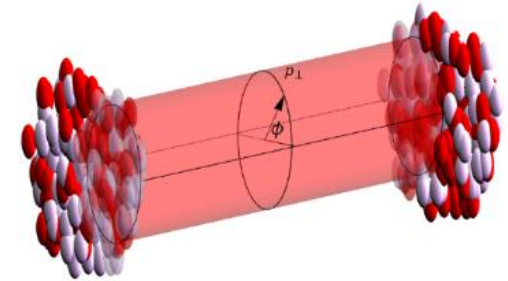
No equilibration

High multiplicity

Relatively few jets

Equilibration: QGP

Jets important in heavy ion/small systems  
Often intermediate multiplicity  
QGP-type physics part of  $pp$  collisions



## OO collisions as an example:

Nuclear modification factor: hadron  $R_{AA}$

More energy loss than pPb

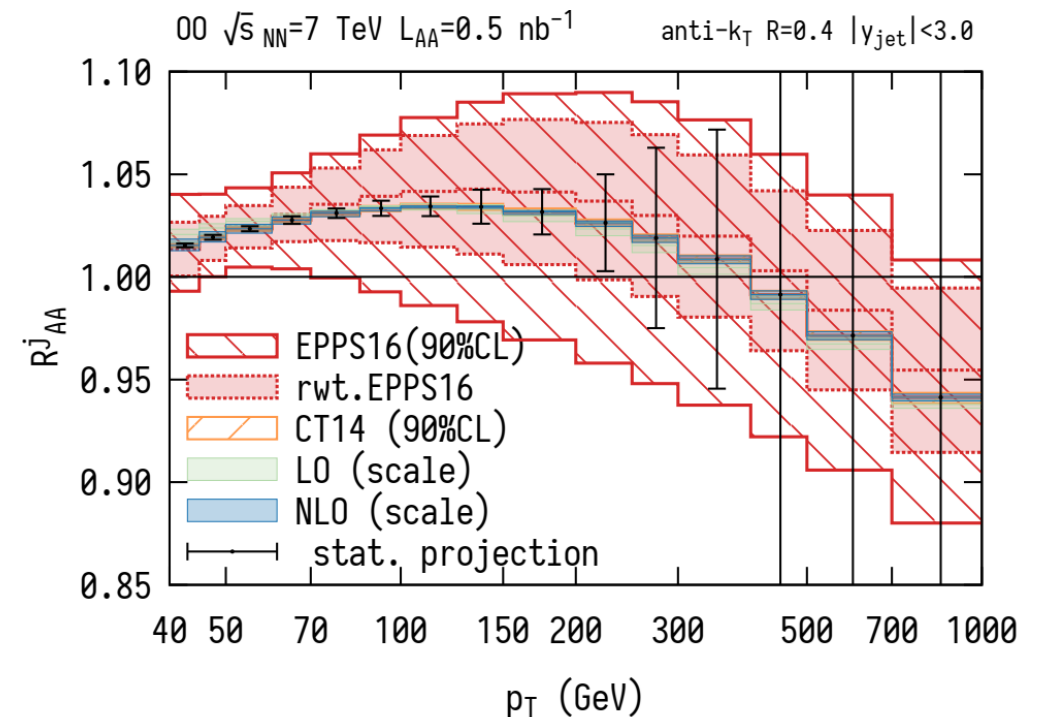
Interplay from HEP and HIP

# Nuclear effects

Compare pp jet/hadron production with OO, assuming no plasma

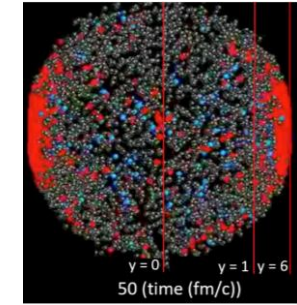
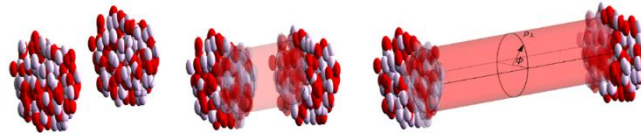
## 1. Factorisation: PDF + pQCD hard matrix + Fragmentation

- PDFs: CT14 for pp, EPPS16 for OO
- pQCD: at NLO (consistent with EPPS)  
vary renorm and fact scale,  
errors mostly cancel in ratio
- Include extra dijet data:  
reweighting of nPDF set  
reduces error considerably
- Expected  $R_{AA} \sim 5\%$ , error 2 – 5%



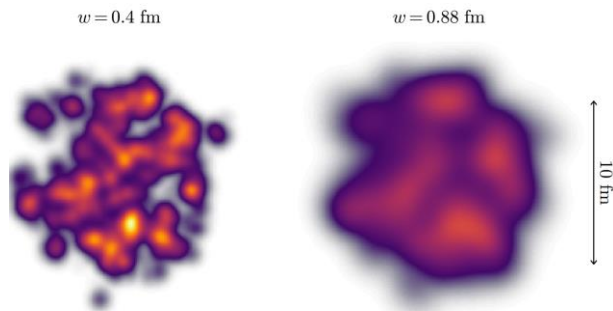


# Standard model of heavy ion collisions



## Initial stage (9)

Subnucleonic structure? (7)

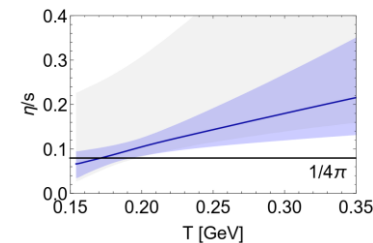


Non-thermal flow? (2)  
for time  $\tau$  with **varying speed (new)**

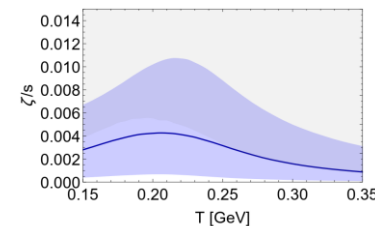
Fluctuations? (1)

## Viscous hydrodynamics (9)

Shear viscosity (3)



Bulk viscosity (3)



Second order transports: **3 (new)**

## Cascade of hadrons (1)

Convert quark-gluon plasma at  $T_{\text{switch}}$  to particles following Boltzmann distribution (particization, **1**)

Subtle: viscous corrections

Evolve particles with hadronic code: SMASH

## Optimal center-of-mass energy for pO / OO

Maximum energy	Same $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ as PbPb / pPb
7 TeV OO / 9.9 TeV pO	5.52 TeV OO / 8.79 TeV pO
1.5 higher luminosity	2-3 extra days tuning / system
pp reference?	Re-use pp reference from PbPb, pPb

Van der Meer scan: 2 hr/exp (1.5-3% accuracy)

Can pp reference be reliably interpolated? Which observables?

## Quark-gluon plasma in OO?

- OO “sweet spot” between pPb and PbPb (but hotter and smaller than PbPb at same multiplicity).
- Extensive hydro model predictions – going beyond?
- Accurate flow measurements (up to  $v_2\{12\}$ ,  $N_{ch} < 100$ ).
- Change of sign in  $v_2$ - $p_T$  correlation in peripheral OO?
- Geometry control in OO:
  - Any sensitivity to alpha clustering?
  - Subnucleonic fluctuations ( $>$  than PbPb,  $<$  pPb).

What can be ruled out with OO data?

## Energy loss in OO?

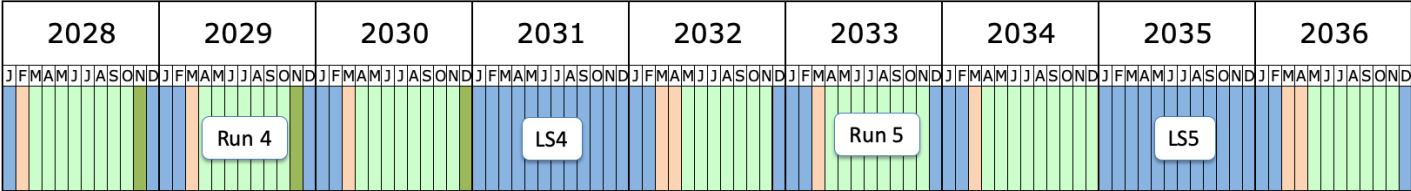
- Small signal expected: uncertainties of theory baseline (nPDFs) is crucial.
- No oxygen data in nPDF fits. Constraints from dijet  $R_{FB}$ , and  $R_{pO}$  in pO without reference?
- Experimental projections for hard probes ( $R_{AA}$ , high- $p_T$   $v_2$ , h-jet).
- Need for theory developments on integrated soft and hard modelling.

What energy loss signal can be detected (without pp reference) and with which observables (MB / centrality, inclusive, semi-inclusive)?

## pO and cosmic rays

- LHCb and LHCf probe relevant forward regions for cosmic rays and Pierre Auger.
- Significant luminosity for fixed target with various systems in SMOG2 (OO, PbO and many more).
- Unique opportunity window (LHCf can only take data in Run 3).

What impact will pO have on CR shower interpretation?



Shutdown/Technical stop

Protons physics

Ions

Commissioning with beam

Hardware commissioning/magnet training

For reference

Single-Beam Energy (GeV/nucleon)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (GeV)	Run Time	Species	Events (MinBias)	Priority
3.85	7.7	11-20 weeks	Au+Au	100 M	1
3.85	3 (FXT)	3 days	Au+Au	300 M	2
44.5	9.2 (FXT)	0.5 days	Au+Au	50 M	2
70	11.5 (FXT)	0.5 days	Au+Au	50 M	2
100	13.7 (FXT)	0.5 days	Au+Au	50 M	2
100	200	1 week	O+O	400 M 200 M (central)	3
8.35	17.1	2.5 weeks	Au+Au	250 M	3
3.85	3 (FXT)	3 weeks	Au+Au	2 B	3

$E_{\text{beam}} / Z$	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (pp)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (PbPb)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (XeXe)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (OO)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (pPb)	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (pO)	Year
2.51	5.02						2015, 2017
2.76	5.52						?
3.19	6.37						?
3.5	7						?
4					5.02		2012, 13,16
5.02				5.02			??
5.52				5.52			??
6.37		5.02		6.37	8.00	9.00	2015,18, Run 3,4?
6.5			5.44		8.16		2017, 2016
7		5.52		7.00	8.79	9.90	Run 3,4?

Year	Systems, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Time	$L_{\text{int}}$
2021	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	3 weeks	2.3 nb <sup>−1</sup>
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ALICE), 300 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb <sup>−1</sup> (LHCb)
2022	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.9 nb <sup>−1</sup>
	O–O, p–O	1 week	500 μb <sup>−1</sup> and 200 μb <sup>−1</sup>
2023	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ALICE, LHCb)
	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	1.5 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ALICE), 100 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
2027	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	5 weeks	3.8 nb <sup>−1</sup>
	pp 5.5 TeV	1 week	3 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ALICE), 300 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS), 25 pb <sup>−1</sup> (LHCb)
2028	p–Pb 8.8 TeV	3 weeks	0.6 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS), 0.3 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ALICE, LHCb)
	pp 8.8 TeV	few days	1.5 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ALICE), 100 pb <sup>−1</sup> (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)
2029	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	4 weeks	3 nb <sup>−1</sup>
Run-5	Intermediate AA	11 weeks	e.g. Ar–Ar 3–9 pb <sup>−1</sup> (optimal species to be defined)
	pp reference	1 week	

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